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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. FIRST MBFR PLENARY SESSION SET FOR MAY 14

ON MAY 9, DUTCH AND US REPRESENTATIVES AND SOVIET AND HUNGARIAN REPRESENTATIVES AGREED ON A PARTICIPATION AND PROCEDURES PACKAGE, AN ALLIED CARRY- OVER STATEMENT AND AN EASTERN STATEMENT ON THE RIGHT TO RAISE THE QUESTION OF OBSERVERS. THE FIRST PLENARY WILL TAKE PLACE ON MAY 14, FOLLOWED BY SESSIONS ON MAY 15, 16 AND 17. (SECRET) VIENNA 3833, 5/10.

2. THE SITUATION IN LEBANON

A. AS THE LEBANESE SEE IT...

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EMBASSY BEIRUT REPORTS THAT LEBANESE OFFICIALS
ARE NOW CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THEIR ABILITY
TO CONTROL THE CURRENT SITUATION. THE EMBASSY
POINTS OUT, HOWEVER, THAT THE OUTCOME DEPENDS

UPON THE EVOLUTION OF THE SYRIAN AND EGYPTIAN
ATTITUDES. (CONFIDENTIAL) BEIRUT 5269, 5/9.

B. ... AND AN ISRAELI VIEW

SHLOMO HILLEL, ISRAELI MINISTER OF POLICE, HAS
INDICATED TO CHARGE ZURHELLEN THAT HIS GOVERNMENT
IS CALM REGARDING THE LEBANESE SITUATION. HILLEL
IS NOT WORRIED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF INCREASED
FEDAYEEN ATTACKS ON ISRAEL. HE BELIEVES THAT
SYRIAN INTERVENTION WOULD UNITE DISPARATE
LEBANESE GROUPS, ALL OF WHOM PREFER INDEPENDENCE
TO SYRIAN DOMINATION. (SECRET) TEL AVIV 3637,
5/9 (EXDIS).

3. FRENCH LOOK TO UNSC MIDDLE EAST DEBATE

THE FRENCH BELIEVE THAT THE EGYPTIANS ARE VERY ANXIOUS
THAT THE UPCOMING UNSC DEBATE CREATE A MECHANISM TO KEEP
THE UN INVOLVED IN THE QUEST FOR A MIDDLE EAST PEACE. AS
A RESULT, THE FRENCH WILL SEEK A FORMULA WHICH WILL
TRANQUILIZE THE SITUATION WITHIN EGYPT AND DIMINISH
THE DANGER OF HOSTILITIES. THE EGYPTIANS HAVE
ASSURED PARIS THERE WILL BE NO RECOURSE TO FORCE
BEFORE THE DEBATE. (CONFIDENTIAL) PARIS 12728,
5/9 (EXDIS). ROGERS

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